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WONDERbabies exists to build, enhance, link, and sustain an integrated system of care for Colorado's babies and young children with special health care and developmental needs, so that they and their families thrive. Activities include systems work, training and education, and data collection and evaluation.

For information about trainings and events, including the WONDERbabies 3rd Annual Stakeholders' Community Forum, please visit us at:
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Nurturing Development

In Colorado, more than 7,000 children each year are identified as having special health care and developmental needs. Many of these children are in the birth through five age range. Colorado also has one of the highest rates of low birth weight in the nation. Many babies in Colorado begin their lives in the hospital and are at risk for developing disabilities and/or special health care needs.

Babies and young children with special health care needs must access medical, mental health, and early intervention services starting at a young age. These children are also at higher risk for becoming victims of abuse and neglect. It is important that these children are identified as early as possible and receive the appropriate care to help lessen the possibility of emotional, cognitive, behavioral, and academic difficulties throughout childhood and later in adulthood.

Families report having stressful experiences while attempting to navigate the system of services

because the multitude of services available are fragmented and confusing, even for professionals who work within the system.

The system of care for babies and young children with special health care needs should be coordinated, continuous, and comprehensive to ensure that children and families are receiving the services they need.



Enhancing Relationships

WONDERbabies is a Partnership for Health Initiative funded by The Colorado Trust. As a collaborative of organizations and programs, WONDERbabies work together to improve Colorado's system of care for babies and young children with special health care needs. The WONDERbabies Partnership meets quarterly to identify strengths, current developments, and

bridge gaps in the system. WONDERbabies hosts an annual Community Stakeholder Forum, a professional development and educational offering designed to build capacity.

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